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THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFIRMATION THAT PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT SPINOLA HAS "TAKEN OVER ALL POWER" AS AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTED LAST NIGHT. ¶

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER PRESS REPORTS, HOWEVER, SUPPORTING THE APP STORY THAT THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL RADIO WENT OFF THE AIR TEMPORARILY, THAT THE RADIO STATION WAS OCCUPIED BY TROOPS, AND THAT NO MORNING NEWSPAPERS WERE PUBLISHED. ALL OF THESE MEASURES WERE PROBABLY TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF VIOLENCE CONNECTED WITH TODAY'S RALLY IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL SPINOLA. ¶

ALL MILITARY UNITS IN THE LISBON AREA HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT. THERE ARE PRESS REPORTS THAT LEFTIST VIGILANTES HAVE SET UP ROADBLOCKS AT ENTRANCES TO LISBON AND THAT THE ARMY HAS TAKEN UP POSITIONS ON HIGHWAYS LEADING TO THE CITY. ¶

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